

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner allowed Claims 11-27 and 30-32, and rejected Claims 1-10, 28-29 and 33-34.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's determination of allowable subject matter. In view of this determination, Applicants cancel the rejected claims without prejudice in order to put the application in condition for allowance, and reserve the right to file continuation applications directed to the rejected subject matter.

Further, as confirmed by the Examiner during a phone call on October 10th, 2006, the objection to the drawings is no longer in need of a response. The Examiner confirmed that the objection was due to a timing delay in the electronic scanning of the original drawings by the USPTO, and that all drawings are now scanned, viewable and accepted.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner has allowed the pending claims, and Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the number listed below.

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